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2016 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Colorado Mesa University

Mascot: Mavericks

Location: Grand Junction, CO

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Michael Meyer (Head Coach), John Woods (Asst. Coach), Elias Steadman (Captian), Cole Stuliff (Captian).

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **14-9 (9-3 Division 8 North)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd**
- Notables: **Lost in the District Tournament Semi-Finals**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12 returning players
- Jason Bendell (2015 DII BA leader .605, 3 time Division 8 North Player of the Week)

Players to Watch: Jason Bendell, Paul Schaaf, Dakota Shea-Shelly, Elijah Columbia.

New additions: Dakota Shea-Shelly, Elijah Columbia, Justin Clinton, Keaton Reiher, Phillip Aylward, Goeff Kice, Anthony Gerken.

Biggest Rival: Colorado School of Mines

Best Player Nickname: Dakota "Burbon" Shea-Sheely

2016 Season Outlook: We are returning a strong core from a very successful 2015 campaign that saw our squad return to the district playoffs for the 2nd time in only the 2nd year of our program's history. In the offseason our top squad was moved up to the division 1 stage that our boys are very excited to compete at. We had a strong group of transfers picking up players from varsity programs at Northeastern Junior College, Lee College (Tennessee), and Midland University (Nebraska). With our mix of experience and young talent we expect to compete for a league title immediately.



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Manager Quote: "I never thought I would play another game, I never thought I would hit another home run, stike another guy out, get dirt on my face, or put on another jersey." -Jordan Leanio '15 Graduate

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Team Name: University of South Dakota

Mascot: Coyotes

Location: Vermillion, SD

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Andrew Thares & Jhett Cihak

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **0-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5th in conference**
- Notables: **Nothing**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12

Players to Watch: Jhett Cihak, Zach Garrett & Logan Mudder

New additions: Logan Mudder, Dylan Carlson, Josh Lash, Bryce Krieger, Cole Cheeseman, Jake White, Nathan Garrett, Dylan Goehner, DJ Toft, Tyler Koch, Cody Kracht, & Noah Holthous.

Biggest Rival: South Dakota State University

Best Player Nickname: Dirty Mike

2016 Season Outlook: We are a very young team with a lot of talent to build around for the future

Manager Quote: "We are looking to change the atmosphere around the USD club baseball team, and set up a winning culture for the future of the program."



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Team Name: University of Northern Colorado

Mascot: Bears

Location: Greeley, Colorado

Captain(s)/Coach(s): President/ Head Coach: Adrian Tafoya
Vice President/ Assistant Coach: Mac Malone

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: Conference: 8-10 Overall: 14-14
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: Finished Second in Conference
- Notables: Gave CSU a challenge on a consistent basis, we were the only team to beat them in our conference

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): Returning 18 players, returning all starters
First team All-Region Returners: Kellen Otsue, Alex Rettmer, Jeff Pemberton (All American DH)
Second Team All-Region returners: John Holland
Third Team All-Region returner: Niko Blindeagle

Players to Watch:

Kellen Otsu, Alex Rettmer, Jeff Pemberton, Niko Blindeagle, Ricky Stinnett, Nate Liffick, Tyler Pinkerman, John Holland, Michael Laudick, and Robert Mitchell

New additions:

Tyler Pinkerman (transfer from Nebraska Wesleyan), Michael Laudick (ex-UNCO D1 player), Nate Liffick, Robert Mitchell, Dylan Hurd, Chad Sommers, Justin Ditter, Kyle Gurrero.

Biggest Rival: CSU Rams

Best Player Nickname: Stephen Rice: "Chatter Box"

2016 Season Outlook: I have very high expectations for this year's team. I believe we will be one of the top teams in the nation this year. We have probably one of the hardest schedules in the NCBA first by playing CSU, then Boise State (finished 2nd in their conference), and then heading to play ASU who finished 2nd in the top 25 poll last year. We have many of our returners coming back and we have depth in our pitching lead by Niko, and Ricky. This offseason we have really stepped up and put in work in the pool and outside. So I do believe we have all the right pieces to win our conference and represent the Mid-America conference in the World Series.

Manager Quote:

"Compete every pitch"



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Team Name: UNL Club Baseball

Mascot: Cornhuskers

Location: Lincoln, Nebraska

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jesse Maguire-Head Coach, Cash Bortner-Assistant Coach, Travis Sedlak-Assistant Coach

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **4-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th in the Mid-America South Conference**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 11 Returning players

Players to Watch: Starters return in many positions across the field, with key new additions looking to make a major impact on this years lineup, including third baseman Jon Keenan, outfielder Jordan Walker, and pitcher Jon Spilinek. The huskers also return one of their leading offensive weapons in center fielder Marc Tangeman as well as starting catcher Joe Beeson and first baseman Scott Demolli. Jesse Maguire returns as the ace looking to lead the husker's staff again this year.

New additions: The huskers have added ten very talented players to our roster, including pitchers Jon Spilinek, Gavin Garcia, Bryant Kelly, Brock Lorenzen and Connor Worden, outfielders Joe Ernst, Travis Mills, Jordan Walker, and Trevor Willenborg, and third baseman Jon Keenan.

Biggest Rival: University of Missouri

Best Player Nickname: N/A

2016 Season Outlook: The 2016 season looks to be a year full of improvement for UNL Club Baseball as they return many of their starters from previous seasons and add needed depth everywhere on the diamond, in particular in the pitching rotation and outfield. With help from one of the most talented



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starting pitching rotations in the conference, and a redefined lineup with added speed and power, the huskers look to contend for a conference championship this season.

Manager Quote: "Here we go boys"



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Team Name: University of Missouri

Mascot: Tigers

Location: Columbia, MO

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Senior Second Basemen Yoshi Haynie, Senior Catcher Riley Casper

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **12-7 (9-3 in conference)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Finished 1st in conference, Went 0-2 in Regionals**
- Notables: **Yoshi Haynie, Second Base, .450 average in 47 plate appearances, .532 OBP. Dan Define, First Base, .392 average with 3 home runs and a .448 OBP in 58 plate appearances Riley Casper, Catcher, .351 average with 2 home runs and a .400 OBP in 40 plate appearances**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 13, (1 all region team member- 2B Yoshi Haunie, NCBA Mid America 2nd Team All-Region)

Players to Watch: Senior 2B Yoshi Haynie, Senior Catcher Riley Casper, Senior 1B Dan Define,

New additions: 12 New Additions. A list of new players, mostly underclassmen who will look to the older guys for the way to play and add to the team what they can.

Biggest Rival: SIUE

Best Player Nickname:

2016 Season Outlook: We look to reproduce our conference success, while taking our postseason play to the next level.

Manager Quote: "It's time to do what's been way overdue."



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Team Name: Minnesota State University Moorhead

Mascot: Dragons

Location: Moorhead, MN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Matt Peck- Head Coach, Nathan Nowak- Asst. Coach, Cody Hughes- Asst. Coach

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **22-5 (10-2)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1st, 0-2 in World Series, #7 in Final Poll**
- Notables: **Earned 3rd straight conference title, 2nd consecutive district title with 2 DII World Series appearances.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 16

Players to Watch: SS- Jeremy Bontjes, 2B- Ben Taylor, 1B/3B- Erik Ham, 3B- Brad Pastika, 1B/DH- Mac Beyer, OF- Alex Welle, OF/P- Aaron Wilmer, P- Austin Imdieke, P- Brady Weller, P- Ryan Toelle,

New additions: IF- Joey Jaramillo, C- Calvin Kalthoff, P- Brock Lingen, P- Cody Nelson

Biggest Rival: N/A

Best Player Nickname: Brad "Tuna" Pastika

2016 Season Outlook: Although we're new to the conference, we have some history with our new opponents. Over the past 2 seasons, we've gone 1-1 against Iowa. This past fall we also went 1-1 against Iowa State. We look forward to playing the other teams in our conference and the challenges that come with moving up to Division I.

Manager Quote: As a team, we're all very eager and excited to join a new conference and make the jump up to Division I. We're fortunate to have a strong core of returning leaders as well as a great group of young players and transfers. We definitely look to continue our recent success at the DII level. After



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going 3-1 at Iowa State's fall tourney, we are confident we'll be able to compete right away for a conference title, and ultimately make a run at another world series.



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Team Name: Minnesota State Mankato

Mascot: Mavrick

Location: Mankato, MN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Justin Erdmann

2014-15 Performance:

- Record:
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 7

Players to Watch: Alex Rayman

New additions: SS, 2B, 3 OF

Biggest Rival: Iowa State

Best Player Nickname: Dirk Nowitzki

2016 Season Outlook: Positive

Manager Quote: We have a lot of young talent coming in, found a couple good arms and this are moving in the right direction.



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Team Name: Univeristy of Kansas

Mascot: Jayhawks

Location: Lawrence, KS

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Nolan Scheller

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **5-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd**
- Notables: **13 inning walkoff victory over SIUE to win the weekend sieries.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 10

Players to Watch: Will Edwards, Brady Pelesh, Nathan Gaarder

New additions: 7

Biggest Rival: Missouri

Best Player Nickname: Matty-ice

2016 Season Outlook: Highly Competitive. New additions to the team bring felxibility, speed, and great defense.

Manager Quote:



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Team Name: Kansas State University Club Baseball

Mascot: Wildcats

Location: Manhattan, KS

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Eric Rogowski, Ryan Ackerman

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **4-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **6th in the Conference**
- Notables: **Jared Ireland named conference player of the week 3 times. Spencer Anderson named conference pitcher of the week.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 9

Players to Watch: Ryan Ackerman

New additions: Tanner Garver, Justin McCourtney, Tyler Thayer, Hunter Thrailkill, Adam Goldstein, Jake Specht, Zach Ramsay, Heath Overmyer, Alex Murrow, Will Perry, Micah Schwanke

Biggest Rival: Kansas University

Best Player Nickname: Rogo

2016 Season Outlook: We hope to compete within our conference and move up in the rankings within our conference.

Manager Quote: "There are three types of baseball players: Those who make it happen, those who watch it happen and those who wonder what happens." - Tommy Lasorda



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Team Name: Iowa Club Baseball

Mascot: Hawkeyes

Location: Iowa City, IA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Presidents: Chris Jennings, Dean Lee, Alex Fritz Coach: Ryan Leslie

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **Overall 15-7 Conference 8-1**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Won Mid America North Conference, Lost in Regional Championship**
- Notables: **Jason Avallone, Scotty Nowicke, Dean Lee, Nick Navin, Matt LeBeau, Nick Carmody, Chris Jennings, Jack Frakes, Josh Verry, Jeff Horak, Jon Koob**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14 returning players, and 5 award winners including: Matt LeBeau, Dean Lee. Nick Navin, Nick Carmody, Josh Verry

Players to Watch: Jack Frakes, Alex Fritz, Chris Jennings, Mike Bartlett, Jeff Horak, Mick Baker

New additions: Josh Paparone, Brian McClurg, Matt Tedeschi, Chris Ferber, Danny Forsythe, Drew Capesius, Cody Smith, Matt Shaver

Biggest Rival: Iowa State Cyclones

Best Player Nickname: "The Squawker" or "Moby Dick" for Coach Ryan Leslie

2016 Season Outlook: With a strong core of returning players the Hawkeyes look to repeat as conference champs for the 8th year in a row. From day 1, we tell our players that no matter what you have done in the past, there are no set positions. With our off-season tryouts, we have aquired a lot of strong, new talent that will push our veterans to be better and teach the Rookies what Iowa Club Baseball is all about. Although winning conference is our primary task, we have a tough conference schedule with Iowa State, UNI, SDU, Minnesota Mankato and newly added Minnesota Moorhead so it will take hard work in the off-season to fulfill our conference goal. After Iowa State left a bad taste in our mouth, we are looking to



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take this fire and bring it down to regionals to have a shot at the 2016 World Series representing the Mid America Region.

Manager Quote: "I believe that we have the talent required to make a run for the World Series this year. We have a chip on our shoulder and the desire to run for another regional title. With dedication, hard work, and dicipline, I believe this team can accomplish these goals and show the NCBA what Iowa Baseball is all about." Coach Ryan Leslie



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Team Name: Iowa State

Mascot: Cyclones

Location: Ames, IA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Matt Odland

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **18-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **National Semifinals**
- Notables: **Mid- America Reginal Champs, Knocked out #1 ECU**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 13 Returning Players

Players to Watch: Chad Allmann, Kellon Yoder, Tanner Judd, Colton Hageman, Justin Kelm, Riley Meirick

New additions: Bobby Thompson, Kyle Rohdus, Ethan Kain, Henry Drops, Thomas Anderson, Jon Lucktenburg.

Biggest Rival: Iowa

Best Player Nickname: Babes Yodes, Bulldog

2016 Season Outlook: Have a solid regular season and return to reginals.

Manager Quote: Build on last years success. Work harder than the other teams are woking.



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2015 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: University of Colorado

Mascot: Buffaloes

Location: Boulder CO

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Tim Coan - Coach
Forrest Jordan - President
Ryan Gies - Vice President**

2014 Performance:

- Record: **7-14**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3RD In conference**
- Notables: **First year with Tim Coan as the head coach. Three returning players.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 6

Players to Watch: Tyler Tullis - He's the smoothest fielder we've seen in a while, great with the stick too. He's one of the smartest and mentally strongest players on the team.

Ryan Michael - One of the most dedicated players I've ever seen. EVER. Incredibly baseball smart with a mind like iron in tough situations. He's constantly adjusting and improving. He's got great hands and a powerful bat.

Cullen Morris - A sidearm thrower with a wicked slider. He'll be closing for us all season.

Max Eggleston - Undeniably our pitching ace from last year. He expects perfection from himself (and has the skills to achieve it).

New additions: Most of the Team: Tyler Tullis, Evan Calisher, Cullen Morris, Blake Bennedici, Dylan Vinson, Mitch Parker, Tyler Valencia, Ryan Michael

Biggest Rival: CSU

Best Player Nickname: Little T and Big T - (Tyler Tullis and Tyler Valencia)



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2015 Season Outlook: Very Promising - We have a lot of excellent and dedicated players coming in. We have also secured Scott Carpenter Park as our home field. This is the first time in club history that we have access to a home field inside Boulder city limits. On top of that, CU now has an indoor turf facility with drop down cages. The days of practicing on snowy soccer and softball fields are over.

Manager Quote: "Be Better" - Ryan Hewitt



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2016 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Colorado State University

Mascot: Rams

Location: Fort Collins, CO

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Brian Dille Head Coach, Troy Tolar Pitching Coach, Brett Bogner Assistant Coach

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **25-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in Mid America West Conference**
- Notables: **17-1 in Conference play.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14

Players to Watch: Starting Pitchers: Tate Hughes, Alex Marshall. Catcher: Jake Walker. Shortstop: Matt Smith. Outfield: Mike Medina, Matt Hart, Stratton Williams. 2nd base: Matt Davis. DH: Zach Nelson

New additions: Phelan Castellano (P), Brad Johnson (P), Jay Chamberlain (P), Jared Van Vark (P/OF), Clint Watt (SS), Matt Mader (OF), Brandon Delay (OF),

Biggest Rival: University of Northern Colorado

Best Player Nickname: Zach "Sams Friend" Nelson

2016 Season Outlook: Looking to build off a strong conference year, and translate that into a national championship.

Manager Quote: "That's the kind of fire we need"



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2016 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Colorado School of Mines

Mascot: Orediggers

Location: Golden, CO

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach- Wes Sconce

2014-15 Performance:

- Record: **17-7 (10-2 Conference)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1st place NCBA Division II District VIII, 3rd place NCBA Division II World Series**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 17

Players to Watch: Lupe Garza, Tyler Eickstaedt, Brian Froechtenigt, Jacob Cooper

New additions: Matt Becker, Rece Coffin, Jordan Miyake, Andrew Bruntz

Biggest Rival: Colorado Mesa University

Best Player Nickname: "Big Game" James

2016 Season Outlook: After back-to-back NCBA Division II World Series appearances in 2014 and 2015, the Mines club baseball team is excited to face Division I competition for the 2016 season. The Orediggers enter this upcoming season with the majority of last years World Series contending roster returning. The combination of leadership, experience, and young talent provide the Orediggers with an opportunity to make a loud statement in their first year in NCBA Division I club baseball.

Manager Quote: N/a